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PARIS ALSO FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

GENEVA FOR CSCE AND MIDEAST DEL

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SUBJECT: EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE: EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE
DISCUSSION

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1. IN BRIEF FOLLOW-UP TO VAN WELL'S CONVERSATION WITH
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THE AMBASSADOR (REFTEL), FONOFF MIDEAST DEPT ADDED

SOMEWHAT TO DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED
SCENARIO FOR EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE. FONOFF REP CONFIRMED
THAT EC-9 CONTEMPLATED FURTHER PREPARATORY MISSIONS
LATER THIS MONTH WITH ARAB LEAGUE OFFICIALS IN CAIRO.
THEREAFTER, SOMETIMES THIS SUMMER AFTER JULY 1, ARAB
EMASSARIES WOULD MEET WITH SAUVAGNARGUES IN PARIS AS
EC-9 PRESIDENT.

2. THE NINE PRESENTLY ANTICIPATE THAT THE FOLLOWING
STEP WOULD BE CREATION OF A KIND OF "JOINT EURO-ARAB
STEERING COMMITTEE." SUBSEQUENTLY, THE STEERING
COMMITTEE WOULD LEAD TO THE APPOINTMENT OF EXPERT GROUPS
DEALING WITH THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC AND OTHER TECHNICAL
ISSUES REFERRED TO IN REFTEL PARA 8. COMMENT: NEITHER
VAN WELL NOR OUR FONOFF MIDEAST DEPT SOURCE REFERRED,
IN OUR CONVERSATIONS, TO A MINISTERIAL FINALE. HOWEVER,
THIS IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE NINE'S WISH TO AVOID
UNNECESSARY REFERENCES TO A MINISTERIAL MEETING AT THIS
TIME. END COMMENT.

3. WE WOULD NOTE THAT THE MAY 30-31 GERMAN PRESS HAS BEEN
LOADED WITH FRONTPAGE ADULATORY REPORTS AND COMMENTARIES
ON THE SECRETARY'S "HISTORIC FEAT" IN BRINGING ABOUT THE
DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA.
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER IS QUOTED AS HAVING EXPRESSED
HIS HIGH PRAISE FOR THE SECRETARY'S ENERGY, INGENUITY
AND DIPLOMATIC SKILL. VAN WELL TOLD THE AMBASSADOR
THAT GENSCHER IS FORWARDING A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE SECRETARY.
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